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1. Japanese Patent Application No. 7-117876. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 4, 29, 34 and 43 of the specification of the present application.
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 4-172521.
3. Japanese Patent Application No. 9-128139.
4. Japanese Patent Application No. 8-185257.
5. Japanese Patent Application No. 9-34644.
6. Japanese Patent Application No. 8-152961.
7. Japanese Patent Application No. 6-35599.
8. Japanese Patent Application No. 6-318134.
9. Japanese Patent Application No. 11-224568. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

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